

12-13-2022 WATER BOARD MINUTES

The Santa Claus Waterworks Board met in regular session on November 15, 2022 at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In 47579. The meeting was called to order by President Scot Elliott at 6:02 P.M.

Board members Present: Stephen Leiberling, Scot Elliott & Tony Perkins

Board Members Absent: Frank Fowler & Theresa Hartwig

Also, Present: Chris Glenn; Water Supervisor & Cathy Kroeger; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

MINUTES:

Stephen Leiberling made a motion to approve the October 11, 2022 water board minutes as written and Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

REPORTS:

Scot Elliott stated the reports were sent out prior to the meeting; November Water Operational unreconciled amount \$ 1,083,250.97. Any questions concerning the reports?

Chris Glenn stated the meter project is almost complete with only 34 meters left to install.

Kroger stated the Clerk-Treasurer has prepared RESOLUTION 2022-04 A RESOLUTION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF OLD WARRANTS 2 YRS OR OLDER BY THE SANTA CLAUS WATER BOARD for a total amount of \$ 222.17.

Stephen Leiberling made motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-04 A RESOLUTION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF OLD WARRANTS 2 YRS OR OLDER and Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

Scot Elliott made a motion to approve the water board meeting dates as presented for the 2023 year water board will always follow the Tuesday after town council meetings and Stephen Leiberling seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

Elliott stated Frank Fowler would like to continue serving on the water board for the town, the town council will approve 2023 appointments at the yearend meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Glenn stated the water tower steel is coming in and completion could possibly be as early as June. The raw water well still has issues with the radio, National Water will be back on site in the next few weeks to help remedy the issue. Glenn will keep the board in the loop.

Elliott stated the EDA Grant is moving along and will probably bid out in late spring. No news from the County concerning the additional funding for the Mariah Hill line. The project will go out for bid in 2024 and construction in 2025. The GIS mapping is almost complete. The cross connection, back flow testing, fire hydrant, and valve rehab will go on the back burner at this time.

PATOKA RATES

Elliott stated the water board must decide on the water rate increase present. The new Patoka rate goes into effect on 1-1-2023. The water department will read our meters starting on January 3rd when they come back to

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work. This will make a longer read time on our customers but it will be in the old lower rate. The rates have to advertised in the newspaper no later than 10 days prior to the public hearing.

Elliott recommends to the board the 18% increase that will cover the expenses for the 2023 budget.

After discussion, Stephen Leiberling made a motion to approve the 18% water rate increase and Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

Elliott stated the advertisement of the public hearing concerning water rates will be in the December 19, 2022 Spencer County Leader and the Town Council will hold the public hearing on December 30, 2022 at 12 (noon) here at the Santa Claus Town Hall.

Elliott sated to the water board that he will express his concerns to the town council members about the town manager position and cost concerning the water budget. Elliott will be out of town on December 28th and Stephen Leiberling will present to the town council the water boards 2023 budget. Elliott will attend the public hearing on December 30th for any questions that maybe asked.

VOUCHERS:

Stephen Leiberling made a motion to approve vouchers in the amount \$ 337,123.10 and Tony Perkins seconded the motion.


Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business Tony Perkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm and Tony Perkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried


The next Water Board meeting will be held on January 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.



Scot Elliott, President

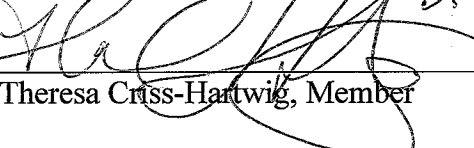


Frank Fowler, Vice President




Stephen Leiberling, Member

Tony Perkins, Member



Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Member

ATTEST:


Kelly K. Greulich Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Santa Claus